SHRI V. PRADEEP DEV :

SHRI P.V. RAJESHWAR RAO :

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the aircraft in the fleet of Indian Airlines and Air India are out dated;

(b) if so, the details thereof upto 31st March, 1997 alongwith the reasons for keeping such aircrafts;

(c) whether the Government propose to replace these aircrafts;

(d) if so, the difficulties being faced by the Government in solving this problem;

(e) the sources from where the new aircrafts are proposed to be purchased and the cost estimated for the renewal programme alongwith the time by which new aircrafts are likely to be inducted by IA and AI;

(f) the number of aircrafts replaced during the last three years;

(g) the profit/loss to these airlines during the said period;

(h) the future plans to reduce the losses; and

(i) the number of planes added to fleets by these airlines and also grounded during the period from 1st April, 1996 to December 31, 1996 ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

(f) Air India and Indian Airlines have not replaced any aircraft during last 3 years.

(g) Details of profit/loss of Air India and Indian Airlines during last 3 years are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Air India Profit/(Loss)	Indian Airlines Profit/(Loss)
1994-95	40.80	(188.73)
1995-96	(271.84)	(109.98)
1996-97*	(280.00)	(24.00)

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(h) Air India and Indian Airlines are taking steps to improve their product, image and on time performance to attract more passengers and to increase revenue.

(i) Two B-747-400 aircraft have been added to the fleet of Air India during April to December 1996, whereas no aircraft added to the fleet of Indian Airlines during this period.

Security to TV Towers

5343. SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to make security arrangements for the maintenance of T.V. Towers established or proposed to be established in the country particularly in hilly areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY) : (a) to (c) Security coverage is given to all studios, High Power Transmitters and Low Power Transmitters which have percievable security threat. This policy is uniformly adopted throughout the country irrespective of location of the installation. The security cover provided by the state armed police varies depending on the prevailing law and order situation in the district in which the installation is located. Very Low Power Transmitters are unmanned and no security coverage is provided to these.

[English]

Modernisation of Air Traffic Service at Mumbai/Delhi

5344.SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI :

SHRI SUDHIR GIRI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had sanctioned a project called Modernisation of Air Traffic Service at Mumbai and Delhi (MATS-BD) in 1990;

(b) if so, whether this project has not been completed so far;

(c) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government have asked the civil aviation authorities to probe the delay in the project;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the safety committee headed by Air Marshal J.K. Seth has given some recommendations regarding Air Traffic Control System at Bombay; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?